Rain water harvesting system

773. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to revive the traditional rain water harvesting system in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof along with financial implication and allocation proposed to be made for the purpose; and

(c) the States where this programme is proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to launch a massive scheme to repair, renovate and restore all the water bodies that are directly linked to agriculture. In the current year, pilot projects shall be taken up in at least five districts, one district in each of the 5 regions of the country. The estimated cost of the proposed scheme is Rs. 100 crores and funds for this purpose will be drawn from the existing programmes.

Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal

774. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the progress made in the construction of the Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal, as directed by the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): The Central Public Works Department has been nominated as the Central Agency to undertake and complete the Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal and an Empowered